

EVERYBODY is talking about going to war. Even the trees are leaving.

It is rather a dangerous business to undertake to throw salt on the eagle's tail.

OUR soldiers are marching to battle and the war-cry is "Remember the Maine!"

HON. JOHN SHERMAN has resigned as Secretary of State and is succeeded by Judge W. R. Day.

It is purely a case of philanthropy and self-sacrifice on the part of the United States. Surely, the Lord is on our side.

THE average citizen is now engaged in mentally picking out certain of his neighbors whom he is quite sure would make excellent soldiers.

The Louisville Dispatch was one year old last Wednesday. It has met with splendid success from the start, and is now fully abreast of all the great dailies of the country.

UNCLE SAM and the "widder" are just now having a red-hot spat at each other. Let us hope that it won't last long, and that the old adage that "the woman always gets the best of it" will not be justified in this case.

BEGINNING to day, the Hopkinsville Kentuckian will be issued daily, except Mondays, and will give the people a morning paper second to none in that section of country. The Kentuckian has always been one of Kentucky's most successful and representative papers and will but add to its well-earned prestige by its new departure.

HON. D. H. SMITH is now the Democratic nominee for Congress in this district, in accordance with the rule adopted by the Democratic District Committee, that if by the 20th of April there was only one candidate, he should be declared the nominee. This speaks well for the popularity and prowess of Mr. Smith. He will hardly have any opposition from any source. If he does, his continued term in Congress will be just as sure.

THE Courier Journal, in summing up the war situation Sunday, says:

The rush on the banks at Madrid and other Spanish cities to change notes into silver has been checked by the promise of the Government to allow the free coinage of silver.

What's that! What's that! Free silver to pacify the people in time of panic! Tut! Tut! Why, we have been taught by this very same paper from which this article was taken that free coinage of silver was the very essence of panic itself. Will some kind gold-bug please rise and explain?

We have noticed two or three small items giving the rounds of the Republican press of this section of country, giving the amount of money per capita afloat, bragging about such an increase in finances, and ending up with the statement that all this has taken place "since the adoption of the Chicago platform." These notices appearing simultaneously in several Republican papers and being almost exactly alike in wording and figures, have tempted us to put them in parallel columns, and ask the astute editors where they got their information, anyhow. It is quite evident that some foreign gold-bug syndicate is furnishing the Republican papers of this section with ready-written, cut-and-dried editorials, which they simply re-set in type and palm off as their own. As a source of information, they are quite as unreliable as the editors who copy them without further inquiry.

THE speech of the Queen Regent of Spain before the Cortes sounds very patriotic and all that, to one who looks on but one side of the question, as she presents it. The incident loses much of its force, however, when one remembers that the Queen is not a Spaniard, and has no interest in Spain except that of a throne for her son. Spain pretends to be very much insulted at the action of the United States and wishes to create the impression that she is the aggressors and are taking undue liberties in the premises, and that she herself is but defending her "honor." The other side of the question is that of starvation, oppression, persecution and the essence of human misery, brought about at the instigation of the Spanish government, and which the United States have witnessed at our doors too long for endurance. Senator Cullom summed up the matter very succinctly when he said: "The history of Spain is a history of more than a thousand years of concentrated cruelties, made up of every conceivable variety of barbaric wrong and outrage, instituted by the direct authority of the government itself."

THE TIME IS AT HAND.

We are now beginning to taste the full realities of war. The first gun was fired by a United States battleship last Friday morning and a large Spanish freight vessel was captured. The blockade of Havana was established at four o'clock Friday afternoon.

Neither country waited for the formality of declaring war. Before Minister Woodford had time to deliver President McKinley's ultimatum to the Spanish government, he was notified by a Spanish official that domestic relations between the two countries were broken and that all official communication between them had ceased. The Davis resolutions adopted by Congress and published in last week's HERALD, were taken by Spain as meaning war, and no further notice would be accepted by the Don.

As outlined in THE HERALD several weeks ago, the fight will be a naval one to begin with, but just what events will transpire and what course affairs may take, cannot possibly be foreseen. Excitement is high and interest is intense everywhere. Every incident that bears upon the present conflict between Spain and the United States is seized upon with avidity. Each movement of the warships is regarded with the utmost concern.

It will likely be some time yet, however, before any real or decisive battles are fought. At present each side is actively engaged in mobilizing and deploying its forces preparatory to the conflict, which will be to the bitter end. The best available authorities give it as their opinion that the war will not last long—that Spain will soon succumb to the inevitable and give way to the superior force of Uncle Sam's army. This, however, is mere guess-work. With Spain it is the fight of her life. Her soldiers will fight desperately and with bulldog courage, and it is said that word has passed through the ranks that not one must be taken alive. When she is finally conquered it will be like clubbing to death a venomous snake, whose body continues to convulse long after life is extinct.

In the meantime you will want to know all about it. You will want to know what progress your country is making in this war. THE HERALD each week will contain a complete resume of all the war and other news and will keep you fully posted. It will also contain a full quota of other matter of general and pleasing interest. Now is the time to subscribe. Price only one dollar per year—in advance.

A WORD WITH THE GLEANER.

The Gleaner is a small sheet published for the Messrs. Likins in our neighboring town of Beaver Dam, and is the recognized organ of the Prohibition party of this section of country. The natural supposition would be that it is a strictly moral sheet, avoiding any misrepresentation and seeking to shield no one in its efforts to expose evil and keep men sober. There is no doubt of the merit and excellence of the cause which it champions, nor the urgent necessity of its propagation, but the manner in which the Gleaner goes about it, does the cause of Prohibition more harm than good, and creates in the minds of many good people a sense of levity and contempt.

For some weeks the Gleaner has been making a fight against the people of Hartford under the mistaken impression that it is doing the cause of Prohibition great good and the saloons much harm. It has abused the people of Hartford as a whole—which includes the righteous as well as the unrighteous—and has sought to create the impression that our streets are thronged with drunken men and disreputable women. It has laid the blame for the saloons here upon "the people of Hartford"—good and bad—and has made no effort to draw a distinguishing difference in the abusive and sacrilegious language which it has hurled at the town as a whole. It has sought to array the county against the town on account of the saloons here and has used dire threats against Hartford, forgetting in its senseless frenzy that whatever misfortune might overtake the town would be shared by the anti-saloon as well as the whisky element, and that the white men of the former party are in the majority here. In its weekly harangue against Hartford it has indulged in the most senseless drivel and empty argument, substituting abuse for persuasion and misrepresentation for facts. In fact—as would be supposed—instead of taking the whisky evil as its special prey, it has made the people of Hartford, of all classes, and not whisky or the saloons, its prime object of attack.

But little attention has been paid to this by anybody, from the simple fact that the Gleaner is not considered as embodying any considerable importance in the journalistic field, and it has lost whatever of prestige it may have attained by its guerrilla mode of warfare. No special attention has been or will be given its puny attacks in these columns only for the nonce, that we may show it up in its

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Proclamation of Blockade.

WASHINGTON, April 23.—The proclamation issued by the President to day announcing a blockade of all Cuban ports is as follows:

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES.

WHEREAS, A joint resolution passed by the Congress and approved April 20, 1898, and communicated to the President, authorized him to declare that this Government at once relinquish its authority and government in the island of Cuba, and withdraw its land and naval forces from Cuba and Cuban waters; and the President of the United States has deemed it necessary to carry such resolution into effect; and WHEREAS, the President of the United States deems it necessary to take on foot and maintain a blockade of the north coast of Cuba, including all ports on said coast between Cardenas and Bahia Honda, and the port of Cienfuegos on the south coast of Cuba; and the President of the United States, in order to enforce said resolution, do hereby declare and proclaim that the United States of America have instituted and will maintain a blockade of the north coast of Cuba, including ports on said coast between Cardenas and Bahia Honda, and the port of Cienfuegos, on the south coast of Cuba, aforesaid, in pursuance of the laws of the United States and the law of nations applicable to such cases; 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